

SERVICE OF WORD & SACRAMENT: HOLY COMMUNION

JANUARY 6, 2019

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

11:00 AM

RINGING OF THE BELL

OPENING VOLUNTARY

ELEGY
BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

GEORGE THALBEN-BALL

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Guided by the Star we come
To pay homage to the Shepherd of Israel
Guided by the Star we come
To kneel before the Light of the world.
Guided by the star we come
And we are overwhelmed with joy.
Guided by the star we come to worship.
We come to celebrate the Christ, our Savior.

* HYMN #147

THE FIRST NOWELL

"THE FIRST NOWELL"

The organ voluntaries in this morning's worship service are dedicated to Rev. Caroline Kelly, in celebration of her ministry at First Presbyterian Church.

Epiphany comes from the Greek word, "epiphaneia" and means "appearance" or "manifestation" of God. As early as the 3rd century, the church observed Epiphany on the 12th day of Christmas to celebrate the appearance of the Lord in the midst of humanity, as represented by the visit of the Magi.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of light and love, we are called to see and reflect your light.
But so often we live in the darkness,
swallowed by the shadows of greed, fear, resentment, and jealousy.
We have hurt each other and spoiled your wonderful creation.
Restore to us the courage to be bold in action as we reflect your wonderful mercies.
Help us to let your light shine in the service of Christ...

(Silence for personal prayer and reflection.)

KYRIE ELEISON #576

LORD, HAVE MERCY

“SINGAPURA”

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

* RESPONSE #582

GLORY TO GOD, WHOSE GOODNESS SHINES ON ME

“GLORY TO GOD”

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen
World without end, without end. Amen
World without end, without end. Amen
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

(Please greet one another with signs of peace.)

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

ISAIAH 60:1-6

PEW BIBLE, OT, P. 649

ANTHEM

BETHLEHEM, OF NOBLEST CITIES

HOWARD HELVEY

THE SANCTUARY CHOIR AND WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

Bethlehem, of noblest cities, none can once with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven didst for us incarnate bear.
Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth;
To the lands their God announcing, seen in fleshly form on earth.

By its lambent beauty guided, see, the Eastern Kings appear;
See them bend, their gifts to offer, gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh.
Solemn things of mystic meaning! Incense doth the God disclose;
Gold a Royal child proclaimeth; myrrh a future tomb foreshows.

Holy Jesus in thy brightness to the Gentile world displayed,
With the Father, and the Spirit, endless praise to thee be paid.
Bethlehem, of noblest cities, none can once with thee compare;
Thou alone the Lord from heaven didst for us incarnate bear.

Passing the peace is a tradition rooted in Scripture that embodies our identity as peacemakers and trains our hearts, hands, and tongues in the ways of peace. It is not an interruption of the service for social conversation but an integral part of the service where we greet one another as reconciled people.

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 2:1-12
(See insert.)

PEW BIBLE, NT, P. 53

SERMON

REV. CAROLINE KELLY

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN #744

ARISE, YOUR LIGHT IS COME!

“FESTAL SONG”

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

EVAN SWANGER

INVITATION TO OFFERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

ARIOSO FROM CANTATA NO. 156
WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN AND BRYAN LOHR, PIANO

J. S. BACH

* AT THE PRESENTATION #143 *(verse 4)* ANGELS, FROM THE REALMS OF GLORY

“REGENT SQUARE”

All creation, join in praising God the Father,
Spirit, Son, evermore your voices raising.
to the eternal Three in One:
come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn king!

Many of us give our monetary **offering** weekly. Many of us give our offering monthly or even yearly. This morning, even if you are not putting your monetary offering in the plate today, please touch the inside of the plate when it goes by. This will help us remember that the gift we are offering is actually ourselves.

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SEALING THE WORD: HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

People of Advent: The Lord be with you.
And also with you!
People of Christmas: Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
People of the Star: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and our joy, Creator God,
to give you thanks and praise.
For in the beginning you created the heaven and the earth.
out of darkness and chaos,
you brought light and order.

You have given life to every living thing
and made us in your image, male and female.
Even when we turned away from you,
loving darkness rather than light,
you did not turn away from us.
You sent prophets to show us the way.

Therefore, with all the powers of heaven and earth,
we sing the ageless hymn of your glory:

You are ho - ly, you are whole. You are al - ways
ev - er more than we ev - er un - der - stand. You are
al - ways at hand. Bless - ed are you com - ing near.
Bless - ed are you com - ing here to your church in
wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead.
You are ho - ly, you are whole - ness; you are
pres - ent. Let the cos - mos praise you, Lord! Sing ho -
san - na in the high - est! Sing ho -
san - na! Sing ho - san - na to our God!

The Sanctus
(which means
"holy" in Latin) is
an acclamation of
praise for God's
mighty acts,
derived from
Isaiah 6, and from
Psalm 119
("Blessed is the
one who comes in
the name of the
Lord ...")

In the fullness of time,
you sent your Son to be Immanuel,
God with us.
At his birth, the night sky lit up
with the heavenly host and a guiding star.
Shepherds and magi found their way to you.
The darkness of Gethsemane, the cross,
and the grave could not overcome you;
for you are the light of the world, shining still.

Remembering his love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and to the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. *(The Celebrant continues the prayer.)*

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit
upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that the bread we break and the cup we bless
may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

**In this feast, make us one with you
and with each other.**

Enflame us with your Spirit,
that we may be united in ministry in every place.
**Send us, in your marvelous light,
into the world, ready to serve others and work for peace.**

We pray these and all things in the name of Jesus Emmanuel,
God with us, who taught us to pray together...

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

WESLEY MASON, VIOLIN

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, O Lord,
for once again you have filled us with good things—
not just bread and wine, but your very self.
Now may this glimpse of your kingdom sustain us,
and give us eyes to see you at work in every place,
and strength to be your body in the world. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

* HYMN #853

WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

“SIYAHAMBA”

We will receive **communion by intinction**; as directed by the ushers, please come forward using the aisle closest to you, take a piece of bread from the basket, dip it into the cup, eat it and then return to your seat using the other aisle.

SERVICE OF BLESSING AND SENDING

Let us pray.

In this congregation,

be present, Lord.

In this community,

be present, Lord.

In this presbytery and throughout the church,

be present, Lord.

We pray for closure with all that has been left undone.

For work begun yet not completed,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For wounds not healed and promises not kept,

Lord, hear our prayer.

For gifts of sorrow and pain,

Lord, hear our prayer.

We give thanks to God for all the blessings of this journey together.

For friendships made, joys celebrated, and times of nurture and growth,

thanks be to God.

For wounds healed, expectations met, gifts given and promises kept,

thanks be to God.

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ, that binds together from Cumberland to Danville,

thanks be to God.

THE SENDING

Do you, the members of First Presbyterian Church,

release Caroline from service as your Pastor?

We do, with thanks to God.

Do you, Caroline, recognize and accept the completion

of your ministry with this congregation?

I do, with thanks to God.

PRAYER

* BLESSING

* SUNG BENEDICTION #306

BLEST BE THE TIE THAT BINDS

“DENNIS”

(Please join hands as we sing together.)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

FINALE FROM ‘SYMPHONIE NO. 1’

LOUIS VIERNE

BRYAN LOHR, ORGAN

* When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

Caroline began her ministry as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church on September 24, 2012. We mark the conclusion of her ministry today with this service of blessing and sending.

This Morning's Worship Leaders

Preacher.....	Rev. Caroline Kelly
Co-Celebrant.....	Rev. Martha Macgill, Emmanuel Episcopal Parish
Liturgist.....	Cathy Levitas
Director of Music Ministries.....	Bryan Lohr
Musicians.....	Wesley Mason, Violin and The Sanctuary Choir
Sound Technician	Joe Aurigemma
Ushers.....	Linda Mellon and Charlene Lelinski
Communion Servers.....	Carolyn Mathews and Phil Mills

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME VISITORS: We are glad you found your way to First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland. For more information about opportunities to worship, learn and serve with us, we encourage you to visit the table outside the church office. You can also learn more about us at www.fpc-cumberland.org and www.facebook.com/First.Pres.Cumberland. Childcare is provided in the nursery. An usher will be glad to direct you there.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: While we do provide a nursery for young children, we also welcome you to bring your child with you to worship. We have "worship bags" in the back of the sanctuary that include materials for drawing and coloring, as well as Bible stories and Bible word-find games. After the Time for Young Disciples, children may go to the nursery for a Bible lesson or remain in the sanctuary. Our "Young Children in Worship" pew card contains information about why young children should be encouraged to come to worship and how parents and others can engage them more fully in worship.

THE PRAY-GROUND is a special space in the sanctuary for our youngest children and their families. All families are welcome to come and sit in the right front pews with their children seated on the rug. This front row seat will allow God's youngest children to participate in the service in a place where they can see and hear best. There will be activities provided so that their little hands are kept busy while participating in worship. "Jesus said to them, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it'" (Mark 10:14-15).

FRIENDSHIP PADS: Please locate and sign the red pad in your pew, tear off the sheet and place it in the collection plate during the offering. This important practice allows us to be mindful of new folks and long-time members as well, and is a good way to learn (or remember) the names of those with whom you are seated. **If you are visitor, please fill out the "Welcome to First Presbyterian Church" card in the pew rack and put it in the offering plate when it comes by during the service.**

PERSONAL LISTENING DEVICES: (amplifiers) are available in the back of the church for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

WORSHIP BROADCASTS ON YOUTUBE: To view worship services live or to view taped worship services, go to www.youtube.com (First Presbyterian Church of Cumberland Live Stream) or go to our website <http://www.fpc-cumberland.org/> and click on "click here to view our worship service" located at the bottom of the home page.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given to the Glory of God in loving memory of her parents, Ruth and William Ludman, by Dorothy Malcolm and family and in loving memory of Fran and Bill Tubbs, by Eva Wilson and Bill and Gail Tubbs. **Please contact Michael Levitas or the church office if you would like to sponsor flowers for a special occasion like a birthday or anniversary or in memory or honor of someone. You may specify live or silk flowers. Silk flower money will be directed to the Special Ministries Fund.**

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE

RULING ELDERS: AGNES YOUNT & GARY HENDRICKSON

ANNUAL GIVING YEAR-TO-DATE:	as of December 30, 2018
Total 2018 Pledges Promised	\$222,725.00
Pre-paid pledges	\$ 11,275.00
<u>2018 Pledge Balance Promised</u>	<u>\$211,450.00</u>
Pledge Balance Received Year-to-Date	\$ 214,398.00
Pledge Balance Promised Year-to-Date	\$ 211,450.00
Over/(Under)	\$ 2,947.00

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE

December 31, 2017
40

December 30, 2018
57

PLEDGE CARDS FOR 2019 are available in the pews and extras can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Although they were consecrated during worship a few weeks ago, you can make or update your pledge at any time. Envelopes are provided and you can place your pledge in the offering plate, or in the church office. If you need a pledge card mailed to you, please call Brittany Jackson at 301-777-3700.

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2019 are now available on the table in the back of the sanctuary. If you do not see a box with your name on it, please contact the church office.

FAITH FORMATION

RULING ELDER: JOE WEAVER

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Adult Sunday School will break for the holidays for the next few Sundays and will resume on Sunday, January 13th.

WORSHIP & MUSIC

RULING ELDERS: DAVID STICKLER & CATHY LEVITAS

LOOKING AHEAD: In these next few weeks, as we prepare for Christmas and plan to bid Caroline and Jim a bittersweet farewell, we have many blessings for which we are thankful. God brought Caroline to us, and these last six years under her leadership have been Spirit - filled. Now God is directing Caroline to a new church and is leading us in new directions, too. Knowing that change can be unsettling, Session has been working to ease the transition into the next chapter of our church life. Towards that end, we have asked Walt Peters to be a long term guest preacher after Caroline's departure. He has graciously agreed and Session has approved this. Beginning on Sunday, January 13, 2019, Walt will preach each Sunday (with the exception of February 3) continuing through April 2019. We hope to have an interim in place around Easter, but Walt has graciously offered to be flexible with that time frame. Please join us as we celebrate Caroline's wonderful legacy at First Presbyterian and welcome Walt as our long term guest preacher.

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 2:1-2

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.”

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE (REFRAIN):

O star of won-der, star of night, star with roy-al beau-ty bright,
west-ward lead-ing, still pro-ceed-ing, guide us to thy per-fect light!

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 2:3-6

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.’”

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE (REFRAIN)

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 2:7-9

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE (REFRAIN)

SCRIPTURE

MATTHEW 2:10-12

When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

WE THREE KINGS OF ORIENT ARE (REFRAIN)

**Your Answer to....
“What’s For Dinner?”**



First Presbyterian Church is selling homemade soups and rolls to help fund the 10th Annual Mission Trip to South Dakota.
Will you please consider buying some?

Name: _____

Phone: _____

	# of Quarts	X \$9	# of Pints	X \$5	Cap Rolls	x \$1 for 2	Total \$ Owed
Beef Stew							
White Chicken Chili							
Traditional Red Chili							
Hungarian Mushroom Soup							
Vegetarian Vegetable Soup							
Tortilla Soup							
Caporales Rolls 2 for \$1							
TOTAL							

Please pay for and pick up your soups, chili, and stews
on Sunday, January 20th after worship from 12:15-1:00 PM.

Please place your order by Tuesday, January 15, 2019.

Make checks payable to: First Presbyterian Church and write “Dakota” on the memo line.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

MONDAY, JANUARY (7)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

TUESDAY, JANUARY (8)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

4:00 PM FAITH FORMATION MEETING IN THE PARLOR

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY (9)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

5:15 PM WORSHIP & MUSIC MEETING IN THE PARLOR

7:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

THURSDAY, JANUARY (10)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

FRIDAY, JANUARY (11)

9:00 AM CHURCH OFFICE OPEN

SATURDAY, JANUARY (12)

9:00 AM PEO MEETING IN THE PARLOR

6:00 PM N.A. GROUP MEETING IN THE HERITAGE ROOM

SUNDAY, JANUARY (13)

9:45AM AN ILLUSTRATED COMPASSION: LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE GOD (2-5 YEAR OLDS)

9:45 AM FEASTING ON THE WORD - EARLY ELEMENTARY (K-2ND GRADE)

9:45 AM PERSONALIZED BIBLE STORIES (ADULTS)

11:00AM SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY: BAPTISM OF THE LORD